

## Rutherford County Airport Authority Minutes April 9, 2013

Present: Authority members – Bob Howard, Chairman: Keith Hunter, Vice Chairman; Bob Ralph and Jamie Lou Padgett.

Also present: Beth Miller, Airport Authority attorney; James Luther, WK Dickson; David Odom, Odom and Assoc.; George Ronan, Jane Ronan, James Light, Anthony Light, Mary Light, Warren Sprouse, Sheriff's Dept.; Chris Roach, and Brooke Watson.

Bob H. welcomed everyone to the meeting. Jamie Lou led in prayer and the pledge of allegiance followed.

Minutes – Bob H. motioned to approve the minutes and all were in favor.

Public Comments – George Ronan spoke about Kyle Hankinson's flight with a general and visitors.

### **Old Business**

WK Dickson Update- James had no updates.

### **Airport Manager's Report**

Water Line Update- David Odom spoke about the water line being a joint project between the County and Broad River Water. A 10" water line will run to the first gate with a fire hydrant and to extend the water line to the well or to additional hangars will have to be paid for by the airport. At this time, the airport does not have any grant money for this project. Keith Hunter requested to see a layout of the project which David Odom presented. Keith Hunter also suggested extending the water line to the well to resolve issues that exist with the well. This extension would require a small change order to the project. The Board determined that more information was necessary and this matter will be considered at its May meeting. David Odom will check on the price for the extension.

### Maintenance Issues –

Jet-A Truck 2 issues- Bob H. stated that the issues are not critical and can wait until July.

Fuel Farm, drains- Bob H. stated that there was money moved to start repairs at the end of April.

Avgas off load report on repairs- Jet A tank was not allowing fuel to be pumped and a representative with Eastern Aviation inspected the tank. The tank was found to be in good shape and it could not be determined why the tank was not functioning properly. The fuel level has to be a certain minimum level so that it will pump correctly. The cause of the problem is yet to be determined.

Fuel Sales – Chris Roach reported sales of 7702 gallons for March.

## **New Business**

Edwards Property Development- Bob H. presented a bid from Gilkey Lumber for the timber on the Edwards tract which does not include the walnut trees. The bid was for \$20,500.00. Keith Hunter questioned whether or not the airport could get more money. There was a discussion of whether or not the Board was required to pursue a formal bid process. Bob H. made a motion to accept the offer contingent upon the determination as to whether a bid process was necessary. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Government Contract Fuel- Bob H. read a letter that was sent to the Forest Service regarding the possibility of the airport becoming a fuel supplier for the Service. Bob H. has a meeting with the County Manager on Wednesday to discuss the possibilities of such a government contract and its requirements. Bob H. also spoke with a representative of the Greenville-Spartanburg Jet Port about the process. The contracts are generally for a term of four years with the fuel price and gallons sold guaranteed during the term.

Forest Service Land Swap- Bob H. discussed that the Forest Service was inquiring about a possible land swap of property currently leased by the Airport to the Forest Service for Forest Service property on Hudlow Road. It was noted that the exchange should be for properties of equal value. The Forest Service has stated that it would pay for an appraisal for the properties. James Luther is to determine whether Airport property that is being leased to the Forest Service has any grant money conditions. Bob H. made a motion to proceed with the land swap contingent on the appraisal. The motion was unanimously approved.

Bee Hive Drive Easement Concern- Bob H. discussed that the county granted an easement for Bee Hive Drive in 1978. However, the Airport owned the property at the time. Bob H. made a motion to prepare a new easement in the name of the Airport Authority per the original easement. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Propane Tank Protection**

Closed Session-Property Acquisition N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5). Bob H. moved to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) regarding the property of Julius Owens and Wanda Owens located at 154 Goshen Road, Rutherfordton, NC 29139. Motion passed unanimously. Bob asked the Board, Beth, Brooke, and James to remain.

Closed Session	-	6:16
Return to Open Session	-	7:00

Bob H. made a motion to adjourn and all were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.